



COPPERFIELD
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
VERBIER





OUR MISSION
**IS TO BUILD THE
WORLD'S BEST
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL.**

IF YOU COULD
BUILD A SCHOOL
FOR THE STUDENTS,

**WHAT
WOULD
THAT
SCHOOL
LOOK
LIKE?**



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OUR JOURNEY

MARCH 2020

The story begins a stone's throw from the Thames. In March 2020, Dr **Hugh McCormick** founded a college in London dedicated to helping students affected by the pandemic.

Copperfield London supported many young people as they battled with the most **unpredictable educational conditions**.

MAY 2021

Educational experts **Sir Ivor Roberts** and **Tony Little** join our Governance Team.

JANUARY 2021

Copperfield's **7-strong** team was ready to open its doors to **26 curious students** and their families.

DECEMBER 2021

Copperfield establishes "**Copperfield Sports**", the third recognised **ski club** in the village, and a platform for generations of Verbier Athletes!

JUNE 2022

After an intensive **18-month programme**, Copperfield is authorised to teach the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**.

SEPTEMBER 2022

IB PYP visit successfully passed. The Chief Inspector said "The curriculum is developed to the fullest extent possible".

2020

2021

2022

2023

NOVEMBER 2020

To the Alps! After months of hard work at Copperfield in London, Hugh was presented with the opportunity by British business leader, **John Porter**, to open a school in Verbier in the Swiss Alps.

One visit in November 2020 was persuasive enough: the challenge now was to recruit students, staff and **find a campus**.



MARCH 2021

We become an **Authorised World School Candidate** to teach the International Baccalaureate DP.

JUNE 2021

Students as young as 12, sit **Copperfield's first IGCSEs** in French, German and Maths.

JANUARY 2022

Copperfield opens its Second Winter Season, welcoming **45 students** and their families from all over the World.

NOVEMBER 2021

12 months later, and our team now comprises former concert cellists, members of the Swiss Armed Forces, experienced leaders from Swiss boarding schools, and our student body continues to grow.

AUGUST 2022

Copperfield opens for its third academic year, with a teaching team of 25, a fully developed curriculum, and a **world class ski racing programme**.

JANUARY 2023

Copperfield is authorised to teach the **International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme**, and becomes the first school in Valais to offer both the **IB PYP** and **DP**.



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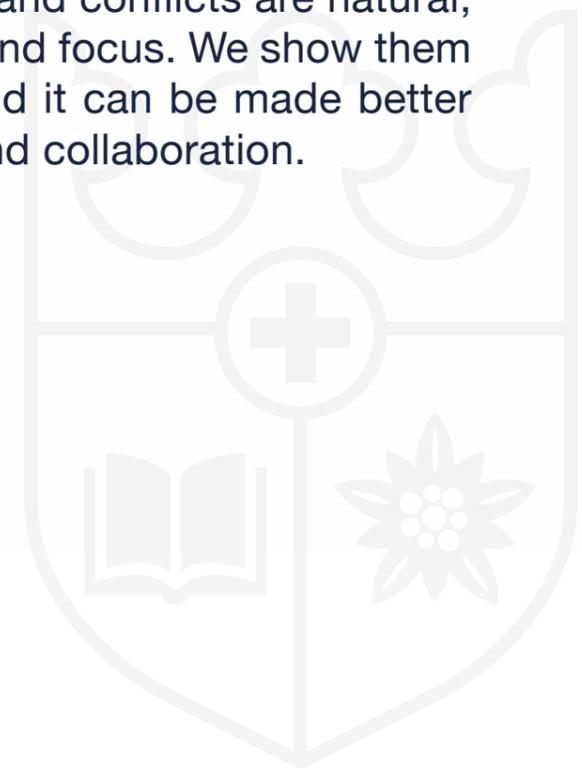


TO BE IMPERFECT

We teach young people to be members of their community, drawing out what is already inside them: creativity, compassion and courage. We guide without commanding, encourage without demanding, and show each student that they are extraordinary.

The Copperfield **vision is to reassure students that to be human is to be imperfect**: that it is acceptable and even useful to make mistakes. To ‘have the courage to be imperfect’ does not mean to accept mediocrity, but instead to be honest about our imperfections and respond with a passionate and earnest desire to improve.

We coach students that problems and conflicts are natural, and can be solved with optimism and focus. We show them that the world is a good place, and it can be made better through positive thought, action and collaboration.



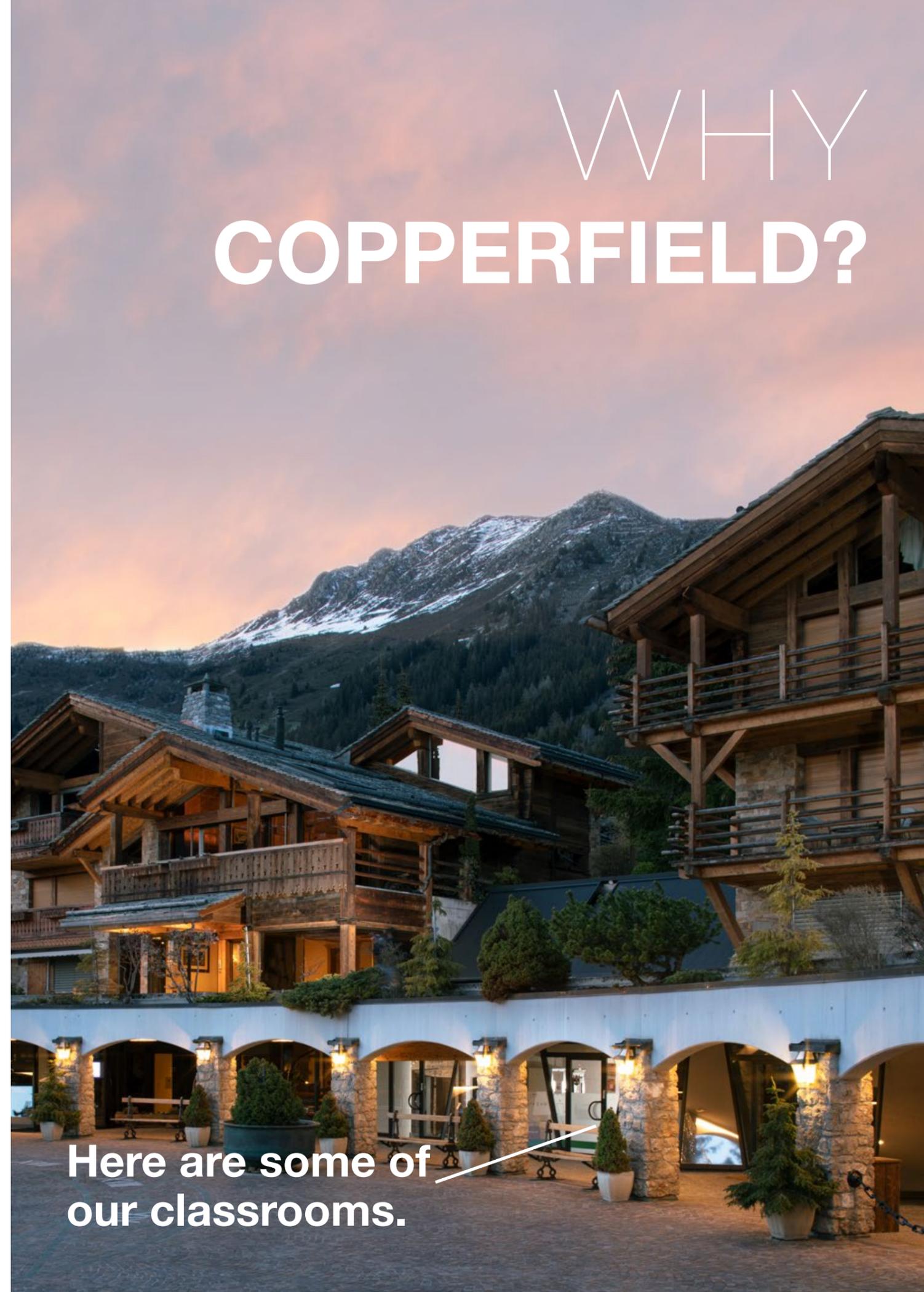
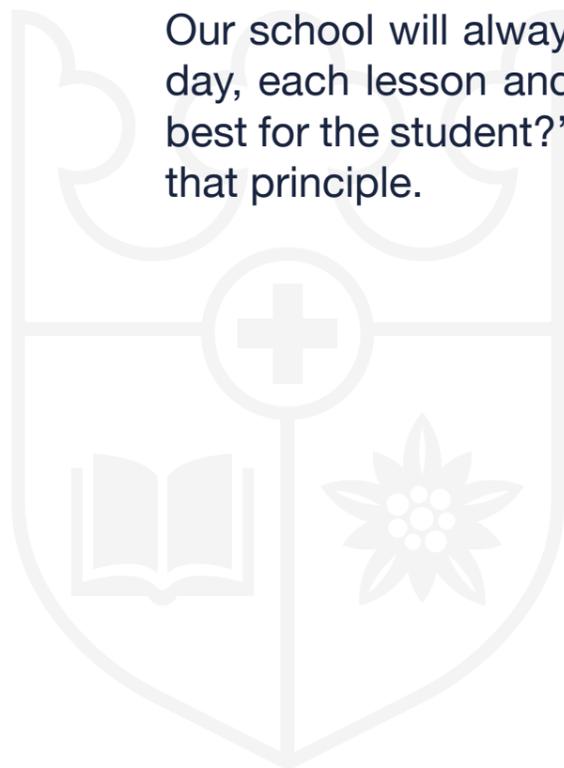
WHY COPPERFIELD?

Copperfield is a global community of ideas, respect and optimism.

We are an international school founded in 2021 to fulfill a vision of a world-class school in the Swiss Alps: an international community in a unique and inspiring setting.

We teach young people to live with both compassion and courage, developing the moral compass, strength of character and technical skill that they will need, whatever they wish to do.

Our school will always be student-centred. We start each day, each lesson and each interaction by asking ‘what is best for the student?’, and each of our decisions flow from that principle.



**Here are some of
our classrooms.**



At our **ski-in, ski-out** campus, we offer students and families a **safe** and **inspiring** environment to learn like no other in the world.

With **small-group learning**, we are able to know your child and family in a way that teachers at larger, **traditional schools can only dream of.**





Copperfield is a ticket to an exciting, international future. Our students will achieve **fluency in multiple languages**, travel with their classmates to beautiful and fascinating places, and learn from **multilingual, highly qualified teachers** who have taught in the best international schools around the world.

We believe **happy** students learn more, and kind students live **happier**, more **successful** lives. We are focusing our resources on **wellbeing** and building a culture where students know their teachers care, go the extra mile, and accept them for who they are.



WHY VERBIER?



As a Swiss mountain village, Verbier is one of the safest places in Switzerland.

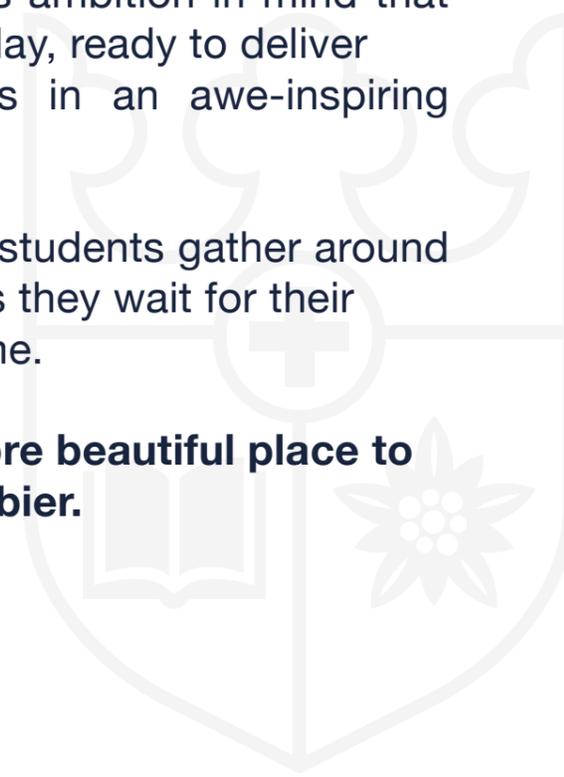
It is an international community: our school has students from every inhabited continent, and children are immersed in languages: there are **over 15 languages spoken in our community**.

Students as young as seven walk or ski home from our picturesque campus. They breathe in pure mountain air, drink mineral water from the faucet, and are surrounded by trees and ponds.

Our children have a **healthy** glow and **joy** for mountain life. The **world's best ski resort** deserves the world's best mountain school, and it is with this ambition in mind that our educators arrive at work each day, ready to deliver **inspirational** learning experiences in an awe-inspiring place.

At the end of each school day, our students gather around the school cafe, talking excitedly as they wait for their parents or make their own way home.

There is no safer, healthier, or more beautiful place to educate your children than in Verbier.

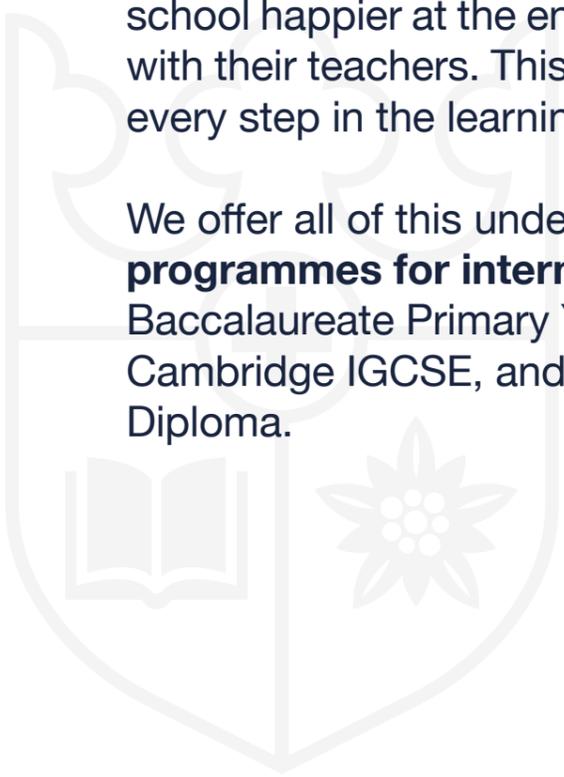


We have built a team of compassionate, empathetic and inspiring educators who have taught at the best international schools in the world.

Our teachers have, on average, **eleven years of classroom experience**, are fluent in at least two languages, and above all, are kind and professional practitioners whose mission is to **improve the lives of young people**. Our educational programme includes a standard core curriculum familiar to international schools, as well as a diverse range of subjects and activities unique to Copperfield.

We teach in small groups because students learn more, leave school happier at the end of the day, and form stronger bonds with their teachers. This gives us a **family atmosphere** where every step in the learning journey is **individualised**.

We offer all of this under three of the **world's best academic programmes for international schools**: the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, A-Levels, the Cambridge IGCSE, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma.



ACADEMIC LIFE AT COPPERFIELD

**Teachers from the world's best universities,
Gold-standard curricula,
& individual support for all students.**

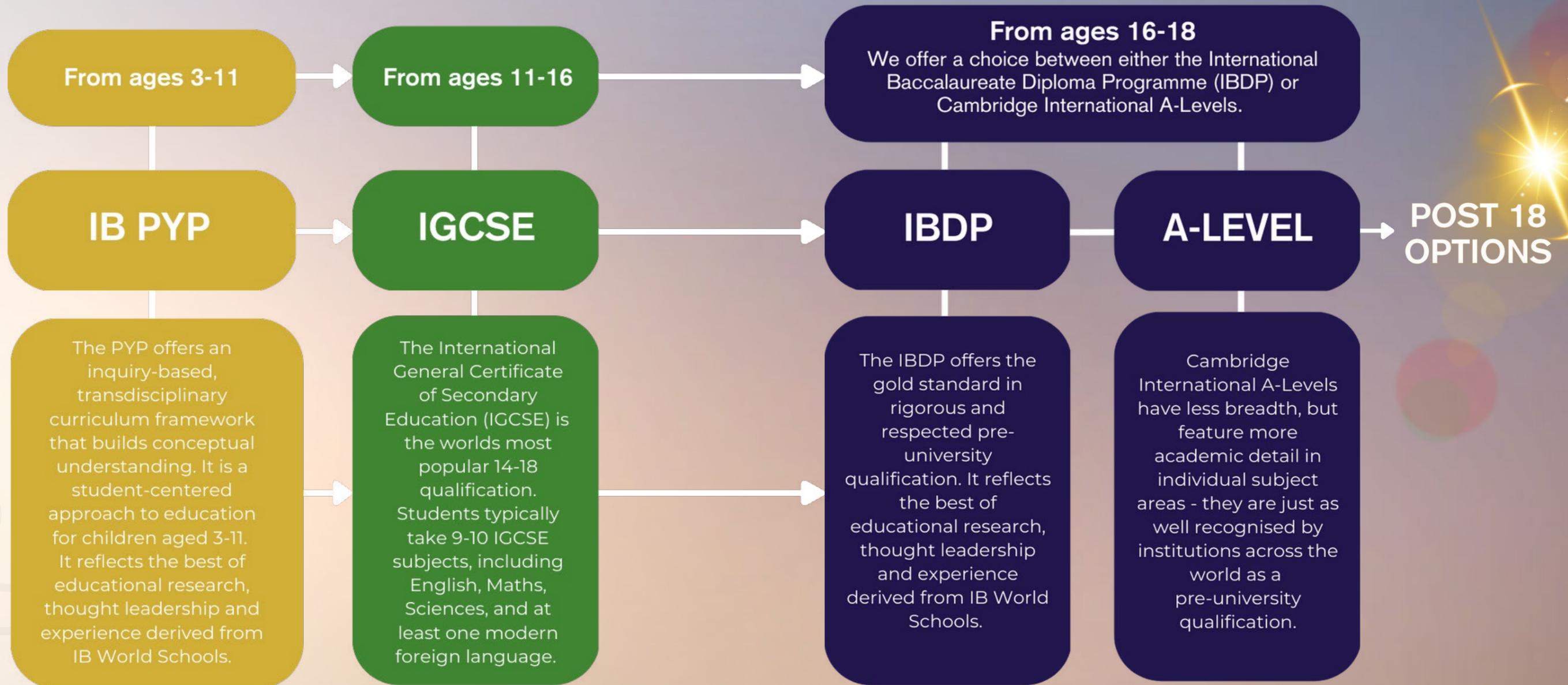
At Copperfield, we provide a range of world-leading academic options for students aged 3-18. Our experts with experience in all the following curricula are ready to help your family every step of the way to ensure that your child flourishes.

With PYP, IGCSE and DP licences in place, we have a gold standard in curriculum accreditation across the entire K-12 age range. These are signifiers of our core philosophy:

A commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that is important for our students.



THE COPPERFIELD PATHWAY



Copperfield Verbier is authorised by





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I love going to school every day. The most important thing is that our teachers allow us to have fun and be creative. They love it when we are happy, and my parents love that too.

Year 8 student



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I've been to many of the best schools around the world and I can guarantee that there is no other school doing well-being as good as this.

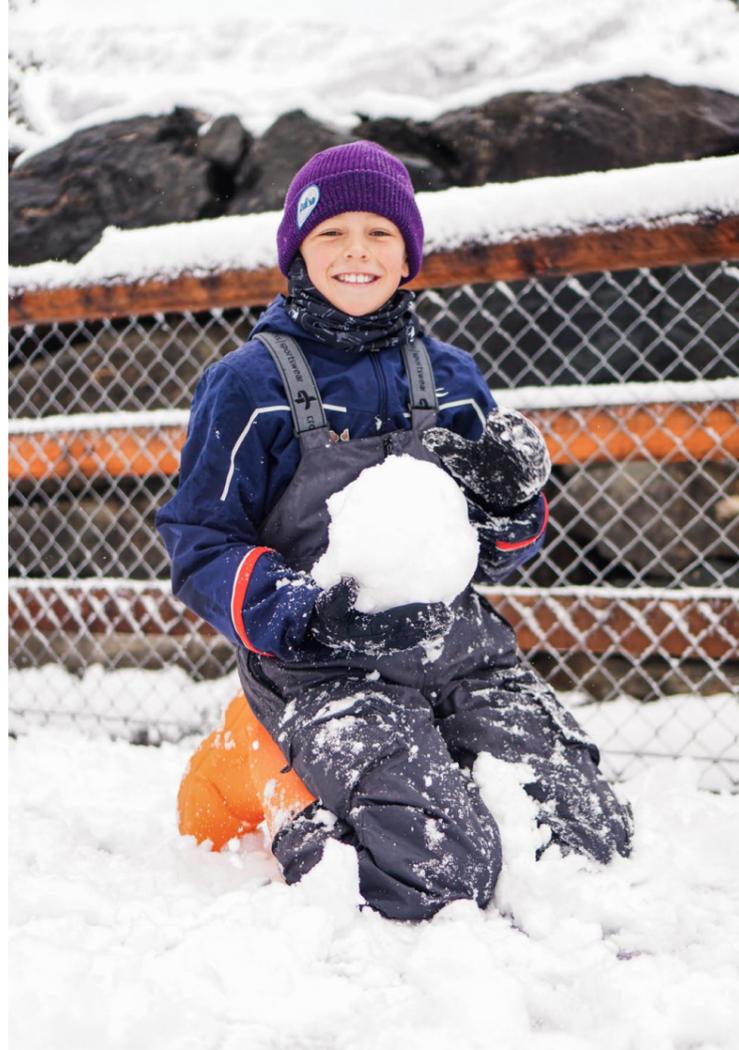
Father of an 11 year old boy



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We moved from Sweden to Verbier as we wanted our children to have an international upbringing and education, surrounded by different nationalities, cultures, and languages. At Copperfield, they are taught in English and French, and each day they are exposed to many more languages. Add the Verbier lifestyle of outdoors, sports and skiing and we have exactly what we wanted.

*Mother of a 7 year old girl,
10 year old boy, 13 year old girl*



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I didn't know what a "Homeroom" was, but now my daughters love to start the school day in Homeroom with their well-being tutor. Together with the weekly assemblies, where all parents are invited, I feel that the school share my focus on well-being. It's no exaggeration to say that everyone in the school community knows each other's names and faces. That's special.

*Mother of an 8 and
10 year old girl*





A SCHOOL
FOR ALL SEASONS.



START THE
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